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FOR COL SHELTON FROM COL STEAKLEY

1. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CINC, USAFE, COL WATKINS, CMDR, 322ND AIR DIV, ASKED TO COME TO WIESBADEN AND BE BRIEFED ON THE PROJECT. THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. COL WATKINS WISHES ME TO ADVISE YOU THAT HE IS AS DESIROUS AS YOU TO SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH HIS SUPPORT ROLE, TO THIS END HE HAS DIRECTED LT COL FRANCIS E. MERRITT TO ACT AS 322ND COORDINATOR WITH YOU FOR [REDACTED] MERRITT, ALTHOUGH NOT FULLY BRIEFED, HAS BEEN BRIEFED BY US ON MISSION IMPORTANCE AND NECESSITY TO GO WHEN ORDERED.

2. THERE NOW REMAIN 2 PROBLEMS WHICH WE HAVE ASKED MERRITT TO WORK OUT WITH YOU. FIRST: THE C-124 IS A MATS AIRCRAFT AND COMES UNDER THEIR DIRECTIVES WHICH I CANNOT WAIVE. USAF HAS WAIVED THE MATS DIRECTIVE PERTAINING TO CREW REST. HOWEVER, THAT IS THE ONLY ONE WAIVED. FRANKLY I THINK THAT WILL SUFFICE.

3. THE SECOND PROBLEM RELATES TO WEIGHT AND BALANCE. I HAVE AGREED WITH 322ND THAT WEIGHT AND BALANCE MUST BE CORRECT FOR BOTH

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AIRCRAFT. LT COL MERRITT HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO LEND YOU ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE THAT THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED.

4. NECESSARY DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES FOR THE OPERATION HAVE BEEN REQUESTED AND APPEAR TO BE GOING SMOOTHLY.

END OF MESSAGE

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